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Dear Ms. McLean

This is in response to our telephone conversation today. The USPTO mailed a Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification to your office on November 1, 2004. While this Notice does contain accurate information regarding the inconsistency between the brief description of the drawings and the actual drawings, it was improperly mailed. The Notice was mailed after assignment of the patent number and did not allow enough time for applicant to make corrections prior to issue date. Therefore, the requirement to respond to this notice within 30 days is waived. As we discussed, you may choose to correct this inconsistency through the Certificate of Correction Process.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely, *Kimberly Terrell*
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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 11-24-03 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figures 4b are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figures 4 are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in abandonment of the application.

The file will be held in the Publishing Division to await the correction of the inconsistency.

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